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A photograph of two men in a control room. The man in the foreground is wearing a headset and a flight suit, looking intently at a screen. The man in the background is also looking at the screen. The room has a perforated metal wall and various cables and equipment visible.

Employer gets front row seat

Wing hosts annual Employer Appreciation Day

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Front Cover: Kinko's Manager Stephan Zaphien, witnesses an A-10 in-air refueling while Senior Airman Christopher Baez, 78th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, guides the boom on a KC-10 aircraft on Employer Appreciation Day Nov 1. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

Looking back at 2003, forward to 2004

No Boudreaux story this month, but he did pass along that they had a wonderful Veterans' Day celebration last month and wanted to thank us for everything we do for our country. He said they are circulating a new bumper sticker that reads, "If you can read this, thank a teacher... If it is in English, thank a veteran."

As we approach the end of another year and reflect back on 2003 happenings, we all can be very proud of our contributions to our great nation. We prosecuted the war in Iraq, had a superb Unit Compliance Inspection, and supported Aerospace Expeditionary Force requirements around the globe.



Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle
917th Wing Commander

Thanks to each and every one of you.

This next year, our focus needs to be on our Operational Readiness Inspection prepara-

tion. We don't have to do this very often, so let's put on our game face and work hard to ensure we demonstrate our true combat capability to the Inspector General - not unlike we've done for the past two years for real, but who am I to question!

We are very fortunate to approach the upcoming holiday season with almost everyone demobilized and at home. Please thank your family and civilian employers for their many sacrifices during the past year, as we could not have done the nation's business without their support.

Have a joyous and safe holiday. I look forward to another great year in 2004 for the Wing.

Give thanks during holidays, share with less fortunate

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Willis Sr.
Wing Chaplains Office

November brought with it a great American tradition - Thanksgiving! Of course, that meant a holiday for most folks, with lots of food, and a time to see family and friends. Most Americans know the stories about the origin of Thanksgiving with Pilgrims and Indians and corn and turkey, etc. But the concept of thanksgiving goes back a long, long way before Columbus even thought about sailing to America.

Thousands of years before Columbus was born, the psalmist wrote: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving," (Psalm 50:14) and "let us come

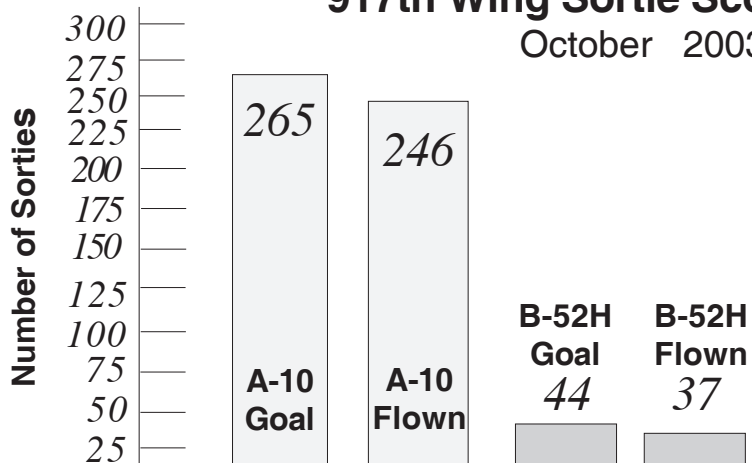
into His presence with thanksgiving" (Psalm 95:2). God's people in every age and nation are aware of their need to give thanks for God's blessings.

One way we give thanks each year is through our Annual Holiday Food Drive. Collection boxes for canned and non-perishable food items are placed in each squadron's orderly room and our Chaplains office during the December unit training assembly. The food collected goes to our family support food pantry to help Air Force families in need of assistance.

During this holiday season, prayerfully consider what you can share with others as you give God thanks for what you have been given.

917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard

October 2003



A-10 Mission Capable Rate 77.4%

B-52H Mission Capable Rate 62.8%

AFRC Goal 75%

AFRC Goal 65%

Preparation begins for ...

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

Wing members tested their ability to survive and operate in a chemical environment during November's unit training assembly.

"We designed the exercise to test the airman's ability to don MOPP gear within the prescribed timeframe," said Capt. Richard Mallard, Exercise Evaluation Team deputy team chief. "In addition, the EET tested the ability of sections and units to resume operations in the midst of a simulated chemical attack."

Across the Wing, members were required, at a minimum, to ensure they had all the necessary components required should a chemical attack occur. This includes the chemical mask, suit, boots and gloves.

"Attitudes were positive, and enthusiasm was high," Mallard said. "Unit

members displayed the ability to don their chemical ensemble and to perform self-aid and buddy care during the exercise."

Chemical ensemble shortages and poorly fitting chemical masks were areas that needed improvement, according to Mallard. Additional suggestions for improvement included: better communication and more efficient use of the buddy system when suiting up in chemical gear.

"I have no doubt that the shortcomings noted in last month's exercise will be corrected and overcome," Mallard said.

"We have taken a giant first step in building an Exercise Evaluation Team," said Senior Master Sgt. Bob Even, 917th Readiness Flight superintendent. "This has not been done in the Wing before. The EET is made up of supervisors and superintendents from all functional areas. They are the key in preparing the Wing for upcoming exercises and the ORI."

"We have taken the second step of the building process with the successful tabletop exercise, which has not been done before either, and springboarded from that into our annual Attack Response Exercise," said Even. "Considering we have not done an ARE in several years due to real world deployments, we did quite well, given the time constraints we had to operate with."

"I sense a lot of enthusiasm throughout the Wing," Mallard said, "and that kind of motivation goes a long way as we prepare for the ORI. As long as morale remains high, the Wing will prove to be successful in February 2005."



Members of the 917th Wing don their chemical gear during the Attack Response Exercise Nov. 2 in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection. (Photos by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



Tips to prepare for February's mobility exercise

You will need prior to exercise:

- identification tags
- common access card

Make sure:

- all personal affairs are in order (including wills, powers of attorney, SGLI, etc.)
- shot records are up to date
- mobility bags are complete (four sets of uniforms, canteen, web belt, helmet, etc.)
- weapons qualification is up to date
- all ancillary training is current
- HAZMAT certifications are up to date for those individuals building pallets



Crew chief joins fight against child predators

Over one million children are abducted or abused each year, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. No area of the country is safe from predators who harm children.

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

Tech. Sgt. Mike Mahoney, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B-52 crew chief, has joined the fight against such predators.

On Nov. 8, Mahoney became a first-level field agent with the Kid-Safe

Network, a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to promote child safety and danger awareness.

"I first became interested in the organization after reading an article in Black Belt Magazine," Mahoney said. "As a father of two boys, Spencer and

Devin, I thought this could be a way to do my part in helping others like me be more aware of the threats out there."

After much study and research including an 80-question exam, a criminal investigation and a background check, Mahoney received his certification.

"As an agent, my job is to pass along to other parents, guardians and educators as much information about the dangers that exist around us," said Mahoney, "They will in turn pass this important information on to our children."

As a martial arts instructor at the Barksdale Youth Center, Mahoney said he plans to pass this information along to his young students and tie that into the self defense techniques he teaches them.

"By no means do we live in a perfect world, but we can try to make it a safer one by eliminating the threat of predators," Mahoney said. "As a parent, my main mission is to protect my children as best I can. And I hope to get that message out to other parents."



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Common lures of predators:

- ❖ Asking for help
- ❖ Needing help to look for lost pet
- ❖ Asking for directions
- ❖ Acting handicapped

How to react to lures:

- ❖ Run away from a predator offering the "lure" immediately.
- ❖ Call for help to get the attention of any nearby adults.

❖ Tell your parents or someone you trust right away.

❖ Try to remember what the predator looks like so you can give his or her description to the police.

❖ If the person is driving a car or a truck, try to remember the color, make and license plate number.

❖ Always tell your parents about anything or anyone suspicious you encounter.

Identify predators in your area:

Louisiana residents:

<http://www.lasocpr.lsp.org/socpr/>

Texas residents:

http://216.140.183.67/so_search.cfm

Arkansas residents:

<http://www.acic.org/>

All others:

<http://www.kidsafenetwork.com/index4.htm>

For more information on the Kid-Safe Network:

www.kidsafenetwork.com



Senior Master Sgt. Stanley Huff, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities superintendent, guides a dump truck toward a crater during a simulated runway repair exercise Oct. 18 during the bivouac. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

Master Sgt. Tim Vance, 917th Communications Flight electronic switching systems superintendent, explains port switch routing, securing switches, and monitoring a field network to Senior Airman Byron Giles, 917 CF communication systems radio operator, and Staff Sgt. Rodney Jones, 917 CF electronic switching systems mechanic.



Senior Airman Derek Green, 917CES pavement and construction equipment operator, checks for the presence of unexploded ordnance prior to operating a front-end loader.

Mission Support Group takes it to the field during...

BIVOUAC '03

TAKING FLIGHT

Employers get a glimpse of Air Force Reserve mission

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

Employers and their reservists took flight on a KC-10 Nov. 1 for Wing Employer Appreciation Day. After a short breakfast and a Wing briefing, they boarded the plane for two hours of adventure where they witnessed an in-air refueling of both the A-10 and B-52 aircraft.

"I thoroughly enjoyed participating in Employer Appreciation

Day," said Attorney Cynthia Anderson, employer of Staff Sgt. Renee Murphy, 93d Bomb Squadron life support technician. "Having the opportunity to accompany Renee was very insightful. I am more aware of what she does for the military now, and I have a greater appreciation of our military's duties and responsibilities to our country."

Each year, the Wing hosts reservists' employers for a day of appreciation...a way of showing gratitude for the support they give to the Air Force Reserve.

"Next to family support, employer support is vital to the success of our reservists' ability to serve here in the Wing," said Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, Wing commander. "Employer Day is our way of saying, 'Thanks.'"

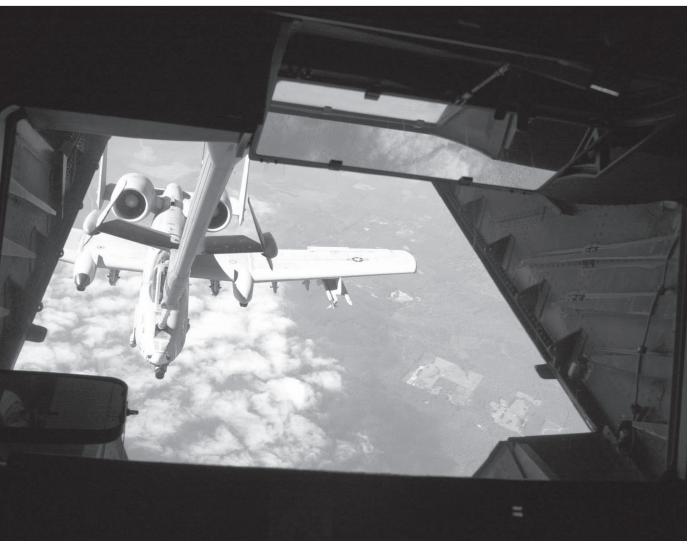
"I thoroughly enjoyed bringing my employer out to see where I work and what I do in service of my country," said Murphy. "I believe by doing this, she will be even more supportive of my duty here at the Wing."

"With the current demand on the nation's military in the global war on terrorism, employer support of guardsmen and reservists is invaluable," said Ihle. "The citizen airmen rely on that support to continue to serve."



Todd Sherman, employer from Northrup Grumman, gets a view from the cockpit. Sherman employs Master Sgt. Jim Scott, 917th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural mechanic.





10 in air refueling



Employers witness an in-air refueling of an A-10 aircraft.

Aubrey Sayes, Plain Dealing High School principal, watches as Senior Airman Rob Rodriguez, 78th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 boom operator, guides the boom while refueling an A-10 aircraft during the 917th Wing Employer Day incentive flight Nov. 1. Sayes employs Lt. Col. Billy Reynolds, chief of 917th Wing Military Equal Opportunity. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

Make-up walk scheduled for December UTA

The last make-up fitness walk is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at the base fitness center track. Use the following tools to help you prepare: (1) Begin your walk at a comfortable pace; (2) Use the talk test; you should be able to talk while you walk; (3) Wear comfortable footwear; (4) Beware of the humidity factor; and (5) Consume plenty of water. No BDUs or combat boots are allowed for the walk. Contact Tech. Sgt. Jeff Butler at 456-9618 for more information.

Blood drive scheduled for December UTA

A blood drive is scheduled for the December unit training assembly from **noon until 3 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 6** in the Wing headquarters parking lot. Members are urged to donate in the name of Lisa Hardel, wife of Tech. Sgt. Jerry Hardel, 93rd Bomb Squadron. She is ill and in need of blood.

Nominate now for Wing Top Three offices

Nominations for Wing Top Three vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms are being accepted now through close of business Dec. 8. Please e-mail nominations to either Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens or David Owens. Make sure person nominated is willing to hold the office he or she is nominated for. The next Top Three meeting is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123.

Get award, wear blues

The service dress uniform is now the standard uniform for all military award presentations (for both presenter and recipient) within the Air Force Reserve Command. This does not apply to awards being given within a combatant commander's area of responsibility when assigned to that command.

Family Care Plan must be documented

Single parents, dual military couples with family members and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations, as determined by their commander or first sergeant, must complete an Air Force Form 357, Family Care Certification.

This form provides the Wing with the name(s) of who would provide child care for

children of the members listed in the above paragraph, should they be activated or deployed. Contact your first sergeant for more information.

Elementary school looks to Wing for mentors

Help encourage students to make a difference in the classroom, at home and in their community by becoming a mentor in the Adopt-A-Class program, a community-school partnership. Atkins Technology Elementary School, Shreveport, La., needs volunteers to fill such roles in its classrooms.

If you have time and would like to participate, please contact Tech. Sgt. Chris Bowman, 917th Security Forces Squadron, at (318) 456-9457, or Rebecca Taylor, parent facilitator, at (318) 868-2810.

Applications accepted for intern program

Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate officials are kicking off the Third Annual Wright Scholar Research Assistant Program for summer 2004. High-school juniors and seniors can now apply for the opportunity to work hands-on re-

search, while under the guidance of science and engineering mentors. This 40-hour per week, paid internship also gives students an up-close look at Air Force careers and educational opportunities.

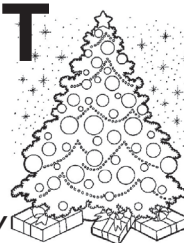
Students will experience science and engineering tutorials given by Air Force Institute of Technology officials and a weekly guest lecture series covering topics from rocket science to robots and mechatronics. Students will also participate in the University of Dayton Summer Science and Engineering and Enrichment program.

To be eligible, student applicants must meet these requirements: (1) be 16 years old at the time of appointment; (2) be a United States citizen; (3) be a high-school junior or senior at time of application; and (4) be in the top 20 percent of their class or have a 3.25 overall grade point average. Seniors must provide a college acceptance letter before working. Home-schooled students may be considered if they score in the top 20 percent overall on a national standardized test.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, visit www.pr.af.mil/jobs/scholar.htm You may also call Shelly Rich at (937) 255-1870, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., eastern standard time, or e-mail her at shellyrich@wpafb.af.mil.

PLAY IT SAFE

Tips on holiday safety



By Master Sgt. Harry Bauer
Wing Safety

The holiday season is nearly upon us. Here are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of a mishap during the holidays:

- ❑ Install a smoke detector or new batteries in the one(s) you have and TEST it.
- ❑ Use only outdoor lights on the outside of your home.
- ❑ Examine light strings each year, and discard worn ones.
- ❑ Connect no more than three strands of lights together.
- ❑ Never use indoor extension cords outdoors.
- ❑ Avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords.
- ❑ Unplug a light string before replacing a bulb. Review the original package to verify proper wattage and voltage.

When purchasing a Christmas tree, consider the following:

- ❑ A real tree should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground.
- ❑ Cut one inch off the trunk to help the tree absorb water.
- ❑ Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
- ❑ The stand should hold at least one gallon of water.
- ❑ Check the water level every day. A six foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days.
- ❑ Mix a commercial preservative with the water.
- ❑ Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.
- ❑ Keep tree away from floor heaters, fire places, or other heat sources.
- ❑ Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.
- ❑ Turn off Christmas lights when you sleep, or if you leave your home for very long.
- ❑ Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake, use one capful of bleach to a cup of water.
- ❑ Dispose of the tree properly.

Wing recruiters bust goal

Master Sgt. Gary Johnson, 917th Wing staff recruiter, is briefed on a new recruiting policy by Master Sgt. Don Copeland, 917 WG assistant senior recruiter. Johnson recently won Air Force Reserve Command Line Recruiter of the Year after reaching 184 percent of his recruiting goal for the year. In addition, the 917 WG Recruiting Office won the Operating Location Award for reaching 121 percent of their AFRC recruiting goal for the year. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



917th Wing Salutes

NEWCOMERS

307 RHS

Staff Sgt. Joseph Alizzi, Many, La.
Staff Sgt. Edward Ross, Lafayette, La.

917 AMXS

Senior Airman Samuel Citalan, Dallas, Texas
Staff Sgt. William Hightower, Ruston, La.

917 CES

Staff Sgt. Christopher Burke, Fort Worth, Texas
Staff Sgt. Robert Clarkin, Benbrook, Texas
Staff Sgt. Ryan Motty, Maurice, La.
Staff Sgt. Jay Ryan, Minden, La.

917 LRS

Staff Sgt. Mohammad Gittiban, Arlington, Texas

917 MDS

Staff Sgt. Nishera Sanders, Bastrop, La.
Senior Airman Steven Trollinger, Waco, Texas

917 MSF

Staff Sgt. Edgar Decuir, Shreveport, La.
Tech. Sgt. Cindy Rodocker, Waskom, Texas

917 MXS

Airman 1st Class Quincy Hall, Shreveport, La.

917 OSF

Senior Master Sgt. Karla Eaton, League City, Texas

PROMOTIONS

To Chief Master Sergeant:

Martin Best, 307 RHS

To Senior Master Sergeant:

Eddie Basham, 917 SFS

Ival Jones, 307 RHS

Michael Yacovissi, 917 MXS

To Master Sergeant:

David Griffore, 917 MXS
Arthur Kenderdine, 917 MXS
Terry Miller, 917 LRS
Joel Womack, 93 BS

To Technical Sergeant:

James Abraham Jr., 917 AMXS
David Beach, 93 BS
Robbie Fuller, 917 LRS
Sherre Holmes, 47 FS
Lloyd Lewis, 917 MOS
David Long, 917 MXS
Henry May III, 717 AMXS
Jeffery Walston, 917 SVS
Wendell Ward, 307 RHS

To Staff Sergeant:

Chris Barker, 917 LRS
Alaina Bramlett, 307 RHS
Christopher Fry, 717 AMXS
Braeden Harris, 917 AMXS
Derrick Latson, 917 LRS
Scott Wilson, 917 AMXS

To Senior Airman:

Ladeidre Adams, 917 MDS
Adeyemi Akerele, 917 MDS
Daniel Bell, 917 CES
Christopher Couch, 917 OSF
Kevin Garner, 917 MXS
Daylon Gullage, 917 AMXS

Jana Maddox, 917 LRS

Stacy McAteer, 917 MXS
Terrance O'Neal, 917 MXS

Brian Player, 917 MXS

Chris Spell, 917 MDS

Shawna Strban, 917 MXS

Phillip Strozier, 917 MXS

Michael Terry, 917 CF

Laquita Young, 917 AMXS

To Airman 1st Class:

Paul Gillard, 917 CES
Anthony Hooker, 307 RHS
Kenneth Williams, 917 MDS

To Airman:

Emily Harrington, 917 MXG
Nikia Hawkins, 917 SVS

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Dudley Chewning, 917 OSF
Master Sgt. Gary Brazell, 917 OSF

HATS OFF TO

Master Sgt. Sandy Alford, 917th Military Personnel Flight chief of Personnel Relocations. She, along with her daughter, Michelle, and granddaughter, Jennaeve, donated over four feet (total) of their cut hair to Locks of Love, an organization that provides wigs to children suffering from hair loss due to illness. Way to go Sandy!

Under the influence: *Daughter follows in mother's footsteps, joins military*

By Senior Airman Ebony Nichols
Wing Public Affairs

Many traits or characteristics are passed from mother to daughter like brown eyes, blonde hair or even long legs. With some mothers and daughters, something other than physical characteristics are passed down, like a love for the military.

Nicole Spears, Army second lieutenant and daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jeanette Spears, 917th Communications Flight information management clerk, decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and join the military. Jeanette played a big role in Nicole's choice to become an officer.

"Since she wanted to join the military and go to college, I told her she should wear the brass," said Jeanette. "That's what Nicole decided to do." Nicole was commissioned Aug. 9, 2003.

Nicole joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in the eighth grade, ROTC in high school and at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she majored in psychology.

During her sophomore year at ULM, Nicole went to Fort Knox, Ky., where soldiers compete for scholarships. In order to receive one, a student must have a high grade point average, high physical training score, and pass an advanced class, where soldiers learn to be better leaders. Upon returning to school from the training, Nicole received her scholarship.

Nicole, 23, attended basic training in Fort Knox, Ky., airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga., (for which she will have to return due to an injury during a jump), and the Officer Basic Course in Fort Louis, Wash.

Nicole is currently a Gold Bar recruiter at Grambling State University, where she will remain for the next six months before reporting to San Antonio for the Medical Service Corps, which she said she chose to coincide with her psychology degree. From there, Nicole heads to her first duty station, not yet determined.

Nicole said she attributes her accomplishments to three qualities: being strong, determined and blessed.



Army 2nd Lt. Nicole Spears returns a salute to her mother, Tech. Sgt. Jeanette Spears, 917th Communications Flight information management clerk. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

Mom, Jeanette, said she is most proud of her daughter "because of her determination to be the best she can possibly be, no matter what obstacles may be put before her. She will overcome them and conquer them."

Nicole plans on acquiring the rank of general, retiring from a career in the Army, obtaining a doctorate in psychology and opening several businesses.

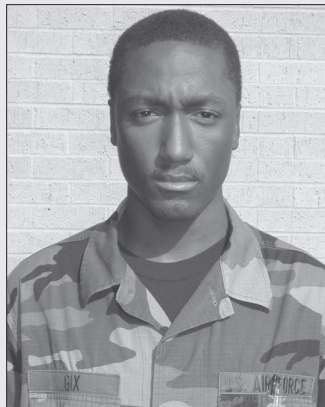
While she admits to being inspired and influenced by her parents to join the military, Nicole said she will advise her children to do what makes them happy.

Voices: Who or what was the major influence in your life to join the military?



**Staff Sgt. Valerie Hubbard
917 MSF**

"My parents encouraged me to join. They felt it would help me gain more life experience."



**Senior Airman Joe Gix
917 CF**

"My aunt, who is an Air Force chaplain, influenced me to join."



**Staff Sgt. Jon Spears
917 MXS**

"My dad, who was a flight instructor, influenced me to join the military."



**Maj. Frank Stepongzi
917 WG**

"My mother was an Air Force nurse during the Korean War, and she influenced me to join."

917th Wing Training Schedule

December 6-7, 2003

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0700-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 330
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0930 & 1030	Family Support briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Training Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
1000	Unit Deployment Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1200-1500	Wing blood drive	Headquarters parking lot
1230-1300	HRDC mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1300	Commanders Support Staff trng.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	Unit Advisory Council mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	MSG Top Three mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1400	Wing make-up fitness walk	Base gym track
1500	MSF Commander's Call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 330
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1100	Immunizations	Base hospital
0800-1200	Self-Aid Buddy Care Instructor Course	Base hospital, 1st floor
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1300	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300-1400	Airman & NCO of month/quarter photos	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 212
1400	Wing Commander's Call	A-10 hangar
1550-1610 Sign-out 1550--MXG 1600--MXS 1610--CES, MSS, WG		

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna
Master Sgt. Don Copeland
1-800-241-4071

Monroe, La.

Master Sgt. Gary Johnson
318-323-1898

Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed
318-683-0331

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188

Texarkana, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Lucas
903-223-7030

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Senior Airman Kim Wilhite
972-681-6384/
903-534-8618

SERVICES

Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, (318) 456-9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

Sunday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, (318) 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
(reservations required)

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 229, (318) 456-9179

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641

Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

Red River Dining Hall (Bldg. 4631)

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Lunch - 717 AMXS
- 11:45, 917 AMXS - 10:30/11:30, CES - noon,
MSS - 11:45, MXG, MOS - 11, MXS - 11:15,
OPS - 11, SFS - 12:15, WG - 11:30

NOTE: You must show ID card,

newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness (Bldg. 4713)

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue (main UTA), Bldg.
6825, Rm. 240. Sat. & Sun., noon - 2 p.m.

Military Pay

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gov. Travel Card Service

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, (318) 456-9546

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Initial military clothing issue

Bldg. 6825, Room 218, (318) 456-7177

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

Testing schedule

CDC/PME

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm.
123B - Course 00005A/00012G
Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309
Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

DANTES/CLEP

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152
Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

AFOQT/AFCT

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled
Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/
8066 for times or scheduling requirements.

Gas Mask/Chem Gear Issue

Sat. (main UTA) 7-9 a.m., Bldg. 6811(Mask), Bldg.
6822 (Chem Gear)

Welcome home!

Skaggs and Hall return from Iraq

Right: Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman, 917th Maintenance Group commander, hands Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th Wing command chief, a Tootsie Roll Pop upon Skaggs' return home from his 120-day deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq, Nov. 8. Skaggs is notorious for giving suckers to troops wherever he goes (including Kirkuk). (Skaggs photos by Master Sgt. Greg Steele)
Below: Tech. Sgt. Robert Hall, 47th Fighter Squadron intelligence applications specialist (pictured here prior to promotion), signs a bomb while deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Hall returned from his second voluntary deployment to Iraq in October. (Courtesy photo)



Skaggs hugs his daughter, Jill, at his homecoming.

UTA Schedule

Main	Alternate
Dec. 6-7	No alternate
2004	2004
Jan. 10-11	Jan. 24-25
Feb. 7-8	Feb. 21-22
March 6-7	March 20-21
April 3-4	April 17-18
May 1-2	May 15-16
June 5-6	June 12-13
July 10-11	July 17-18
Aug. 7-8	Aug. 21-22
Sept. 11-12	Sept. 18-19
Oct. 2-3	Oct. 16-17
Nov. 6-7	Nov. 20-21
Dec. 4-5	No alternate

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